

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Pat Head Summitt and the University of Tennessee women's basketball team, NCAA National Tournament runner-up.

WHEREAS, the 1994-1995 University of Tennessee women's basketball team has played adroitly, had a very memorable season and added another important chapter to their magnificent history by finishing as the NCAA National Tournament runner-up in a close contest to one of the best teams of all times, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, playing an extremely tough regular season schedule, Tennessee beat nationally ranked teams Louisiana Tech twice, Stanford, Purdue, Virginia, Penn State, Colorado, Vanderbilt twice, Ole Miss, Florida, Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Vols won their third straight regular season Southeastern Conference title and for the third straight season they were undefeated in conference play; and

WHEREAS, invited to play in the prestigious NCAA National Tournament, Tennessee impressively beat Mideastern Athletic Conference champion Florida A & M 96-59 in the first round and Florida International 70-44 in the second round; and

WHEREAS, seeded number one in the Mideast Regional Tournament, they won the regional title, beating powerhouses Western Kentucky 87-65 and Texas Tech 80-59; and

WHEREAS, in the semifinal round of the tournament, the Lady Vols bested SEC rival Georgia 73-51; and

WHEREAS, they compiled a marvelous 34-3 overall record, a winning percentage of .910; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pat Head Summitt, who is held in the highest possible regard by her colleagues, players and Tennessee fans, is widely acknowledged to be the best women's basketball coach in the nation and unquestionably is one of the best coaches overall. Her Tennessee teams have won three national championships and have an enviable overall record of 564 victories and only 130 losses, an exemplary winning percentage of .810. She was appropriately honored as the 1995 Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Coaches Micki DeMoss, Holly Warlick and Carolyn Peck have performed their duties capably; and

WHEREAS, the players, seniors Dana Johnson, Nikki McCray, Tiffany Woosley, and Vonda Ward; juniors Michelle Marciniak, Latina Davis, and Michelle Johnson; sophomores Pashen Thompson, Abby Conklin and Tanika Smith and freshmen Tiffany Johnson and Laurie Milligan have each contributed to the success of the team this season; and

WHEREAS, their superb Athletic Director Joan Cronan and managers Todd and Tom Dooley have strongly supported the Lady Vols; and

WHEREAS, we are extremely proud of the Tennessee Lady Vols and it is fitting that this exceptionally talented team be specially recognized on their numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we salute the accomplishments of Coach Pat Head Summitt and the 1994-1995 Tennessee women's basketball team, including being the NCAA National Tournament runner-up and winning the Mideast Regional Tournament and the regular season Southeastern Conference championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies